



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

June 29, 2010

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**REALLOCATE PRIOR YEAR EXCESS FUNDS, ALLOCATE SPECIFIED
EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FOR GRANTS TO THE CITIES OF LONG BEACH AND PARAMOUNT, AND
ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS TO PLACEHOLDER GRANTS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will approve the reallocation of \$59,502,136 in Excess Funds of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for prior year un-awarded Excess Funds, realign funding for projects along the Los Angeles River in Long Beach and Paramount, and allocate \$378,562 in County Excess Funds to placeholder grants to comply with requirements of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

2. Approve the reallocation of \$59,502,136 in prior year Excess Funds to the Supervisorial Districts in the four allocation categories as shown in the Attachment.
3. Allocate \$285,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority who will assign the right to apply for the funds to the City of Long Beach, in the amount of \$100,000 for its Drake Chavez Greenbelt Project, and to the City of Paramount, in the amount of \$185,000 for its Ralph C. Dills Park Project.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to allocate County Excess Funds in the amount of \$378,562 into placeholder grants in all Supervisorial Districts to comply with the requirements of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 as also shown in the attachment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Reallocate Prior Year Excess Funds

In any fiscal year, Excess Funds awarded but not encumbered into grant agreements in that fiscal year shall be available for allocation by your Board in the following year. Of the cumulative total of \$162,481,160 that has been determined to be excess since 1999, \$102,979,024, was allocated to projects through Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10. Excess funds of \$59,502,136 for all prior years, still available for allocation in the current fiscal year, are therefore recommended for reallocation, as shown in the Attachment I.

Allocate Specified Excess Funds

On January 19, 2010, your Board allocated \$285,000 of "Cities" Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District to fund the City of Long Beach's Drake Chavez Greenbelt Project in the amount of \$100,000 and to fund the City of Paramount's Ralph C. Dills Park Project in the amount of \$185,000. The Fourth Supervisorial District has requested that these two projects instead be funded with Specified Excess Funds available to the Fourth District. Therefore, your Board is requested to allocate \$285,000 in Specified Excess Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority which in turn will assign the right to apply for these funds to the Cities of Long Beach and Paramount for their qualified projects along the Los Angeles River. Once the allocation of Specified Excess Funds for the projects has been approved, the "Cities" Excess Funds allocated on January 19, 2010, will be returned as available for reallocation in that funding category.

Supplement and Reduce "County" Excess Funds in County Placeholder Grants

The 1996 Proposition requires that the County be granted an amount equal to the total amount granted to cities in each fiscal year. During the fiscal year, grants funded with "Cities" and/or "County" Excess Funds were made in each of the five supervisorial districts. Since the amounts granted were not equal, supplements or decreases to the grant amounts in the County Excess Funds placeholder grants will enable the District to comply with the requirements of the 1996 Proposition. The placeholder grants in each supervisorial district would be adjusted to achieve parity between the "Cities" and "County" categories of Excess Funds to reflect awards made in FY 2009-10 as follows:

- First District - \$35,000 net supplement to the Various First District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2009-10:
 - \$159,000 "Cities" Excess Funds total awarded
 - \$159,000 grant to the City of Bell Gardens
 - \$124,000 "County" Excess Funds total awarded
 - \$40,000 grant to the Trust for Public Land
 - \$84,000 grant to the Wildlife Conservation Authority.
- Second District - \$160,297.37 supplement to the Various Second District Improvements placeholder grant based on the return of \$160,297.37 in residual funding from a \$638,000 grant at Jesse Owens Park. No "Cities" Excess Funds were awarded in FY 2009-10.
- Third District - \$179,999.80 net supplement to the Various Third District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities:
 - \$20,000 grant of "County" Excess Funds to the Trust for Public Land
 - \$199,999.80 "County" Excess Funds portion of a \$231,000 grant to Mountains Recreation Trust was replaced by Competitive Excess Funds.
 - No "Cities" Excess Funds were awarded in FY 2009-10.
- Fourth District - \$20,000 reduction from the Various Fourth District Improvements placeholder grant based on a \$20,000 grant of "County" Excess Funds to the Trust for Public Land. No "Cities" Excess Funds were awarded in FY 2009-10.

- Fifth District - \$23,264.48 net supplement to the Various Fifth District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2009-10:
 - \$563,264.48 "Cities" Excess Funds total awarded
 - \$150,000 grant to the City of Palmdale
 - \$114,348.54 grant to the City of San Gabriel
 - \$150,000 grant to the City of Santa Clarita
 - \$150,000 grant to the City of West Covina
 - \$1,084.06 return of residual funding from a closed Temple City grant
 - \$540,000 "County" Excess Funds total awarded
 - \$500,000 grant to the Department of Public Works
 - \$40,000 grant to the Trust for Public Land

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by allocating funds available for additional capital outlay projects and making adjustments to Excess Funds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The allocation of additional Excess Funds to the County placeholder grants for purposes of achieving parity with the City grants will not impact the General Fund until such amounts are awarded to County projects of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The allocation of \$285,000 in Specified Excess Funds will be offset by the same amount of "Cities" Excess Funds available for projects.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section (21), Subsection (j) of the 1996 Proposition requires that, following completion of an independent annual audit of the District, an annual Plan of Revenues and Expenditures (Plan) be prepared and approved by your Board prior to the end of the fiscal year. The 1996 Proposition identifies two purposes for the Plan. First, the Plan must demonstrate that the District is managing its revenues and issuing debt in a manner that ensures sufficient funds will be available to finance the \$859,000,000 of capital outlay project expenditures identified in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 (the 1992 and 1996 Propositions) by the end of FY 2008-09. Second, the annual Plan must identify to your Board any available excess funds and designate the amount of such excess which, according to a formula prescribed by the 1996 Proposition and a recommendation by an independent financial consultant, may be allocated for additional projects. The 2010 Plan of Revenues and Expenditures was submitted under a separate board action to be approved no later than June 30, 2010.

Section (24) subsection (b) requires that in any fiscal year, Excess Funds awarded but not encumbered into a grant agreement in that fiscal year shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following year.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996.

Section (24), Subsection (b) of the 1996 Proposition further requires that the County be granted an amount equal to the total amount granted to cities in each fiscal year.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The attached board action has no impact on current services nor does it authorize specific expenditures. It is merely a re-allocation of available Excess Funds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. This is because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONCLUSION

Your Board's approval of the attached actions prior to the end of the current fiscal year will meet the requirements of the 1996 Proposition.

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director of Parks and Recreation

RG:IV:JA:LB:OPENSPEEDISTRICT (2010 EXCESS FUNDS BL)

Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Regional Park and Open Space District
STATUS OF EXCESS FUNDS
As of April 30, 2010

Allocation Category	Cumulative Available	Total Board Allocations	Unallocated Balance	Grants Awarded	Grants Paid	Parity Adjustments
1st District						
"Big 5" *	14,623,304.40	3,467,050.00	11,156,254.40	3,467,050.00	2,819,800.32	
Cities	7,311,652.20	2,920,599.64	4,391,052.56	2,761,599.64	2,515,220.09	
County	7,311,652.20	2,885,599.64	4,426,052.56	2,801,599.64	1,524,830.00	35,000.00
Competitive	3,249,623.20	2,608,803.20	640,820.00	2,608,803.20	1,604,057.36	
District Total	32,496,232.00	11,882,052.48	20,614,179.52	11,639,052.48	8,463,907.77	
2nd District						
"Big 5" *	14,623,304.40	14,623,304.40	0.00	14,623,304.40	4,486,150.11	
Cities	7,311,652.20	6,432,297.20	879,355.00	6,432,297.20	1,933,430.11	
County	7,311,652.20	6,271,999.83	1,039,652.37	6,271,999.83	1,362,597.83	160,297.56
Competitive	3,249,623.20	1,651,183.00	1,598,440.20	1,651,183.00	653,375.84	
District Total	32,496,232.00	28,978,784.43	3,517,447.57	28,978,784.43	8,435,553.89	
3rd District						
"Big 5" *	15,123,304.40	8,739,000.00	6,384,304.40	8,739,000.00	6,971,886.35	
Cities	6,811,652.20	1,839,017.00	4,972,635.20	1,839,017.00	1,134,017.00	
County	7,311,652.20	1,659,017.24	5,652,634.96	1,659,017.24	211,377.58	180,000.00
Competitive	3,249,623.20	3,198,543.00	51,080.20	3,198,543.00	378,543.00	
District Total	32,496,232.00	15,435,577.24	17,060,654.76	15,435,577.24	8,695,823.93	
4th District						
"Big 5" *	14,123,304.40	7,715,000.00	6,408,304.40	7,715,000.00	3,405,584.42	
Cities	7,811,652.20	4,185,000.00	3,626,652.20	4,185,000.00	3,207,000.00	
County	7,311,652.20	3,920,000.00	3,391,652.20	3,920,000.00	0.00	(20,000.00)
Competitive	3,249,623.20	1,684,893.68	1,564,729.52	1,684,893.68	1,008,514.49	
District Total	32,496,232.00	17,504,893.68	14,991,338.32	17,504,893.68	7,621,098.91	
5th district						
"Big 5" *	14,623,304.40	13,530,000.00	1,093,304.40	13,530,000.00	11,775,737.51	
Cities	7,311,652.20	6,021,397.88	1,290,254.32	5,871,397.88	2,787,946.50	
County	7,311,652.20	5,998,133.40	1,313,518.80	5,498,133.40	2,184,936.80	23,264.48
Competitive	3,249,623.20	3,249,623.20	0.00	3,249,623.20	667,170.79	
District Total	32,496,232.00	28,799,154.48	3,697,077.52	28,149,154.48	17,415,791.60	
Total						
"Big 5" *	73,116,522.00	48,074,354.40	25,042,167.60	48,074,354.40	29,459,158.71	
Cities	36,558,261.00	21,398,311.72	15,159,949.28	21,089,311.72	11,577,613.70	
County	36,558,261.00	20,734,750.11	15,823,510.89	20,150,750.11	5,283,742.21	
Competitive	16,248,116.00	12,393,046.08	3,855,069.92	12,393,046.08	4,311,661.48	
District Total	162,481,160.00	102,600,462.31	59,880,697.69	101,707,462.31	50,632,176.10	378,562.04

Allocation to County for parity	378,562.04	378,562.04
Adjusted District Total	<u>102,979,024.35</u>	<u>59,502,135.65</u>

* Highest priority regional open space and recreation projects.